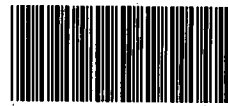


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11 July 2000

Mr. J.W. Casey  
Environmental Protection Department  
Norfolk Southern Corporation  
4600 Deer Path Road, Room 148  
Harrisburg, PA 17110-3927

re: Drainage near Norfolk and Southern's Edgmoor Yard  
Wilmington, Delaware

Dear Mr. Casey:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is conducting a Removal Action in Wilmington, Delaware. The action, which is stabilizing a release of hazardous substances into the Brandywine Creek, is conducted under the authorities of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act. EPA is coordinating with Norfolk and Southern Corporation as the Site borders an active industrial rail siding. My contacts with Norfolk and Southern have been Mr. John Keys, Assistant Division Supervisor, and Ms. Gayle Jordan, Environmental Counsel. I have consulted with Mr. Keys on the issue discussed below.

It appears that past activities in the area of the active siding have resulted in a condition in which water does not properly drain from the area of the tracks. Whatever drainage feature functioned to remove water from the ditch along the tracks no longer works. Our field-based judgement suggests that drainage from the railroad right-of-way is blocked by waste or fill.

The remedy now under consideration by EPA will involve construction of a stabilized bank along the Brandywine Creek and a soil cover over the disposed wastes. I would like to ensure that our remedy will not prevent or complicate the railroad from re-establishing drainage from the railroad right-of-way if it chooses to do so. Additionally, I would like to gain this information so that any remedy we construct will not be compromised by any future construction activities by the railroad. In order to accomplish this, I'll need to better understand how the area was designed to drain (if it ever was).

This letter requests that Norfolk and Southern identify designed or proposed drainage features intended to remove ponded water from the industrial siding identified on the attached drawing. The location and elevation of any features will be necessary to ensure that our activities best facilitate any future drainage construction by the railroad. The siding serves the

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Brandywine Industrial Complex. The siding is located near the Edgemoor yard. I understand that the branch line from which the siding originates is known as the Shellpot Branch.

I am hopeful that your right-of-way maps will show intended or constructed drainage features or facilities in the area. If possible, a copy of that portion of any right-of-way or other map depicting the constructed siding will be appreciated. I may be contacted at 302-573-5120 and am located at the Site in Wilmington, Delaware. Mr. Keys of Norfolk and Southern may be contacted at 302-731-2549. Please feel free to visit our location for additional information. Please respond at your earliest convenience.

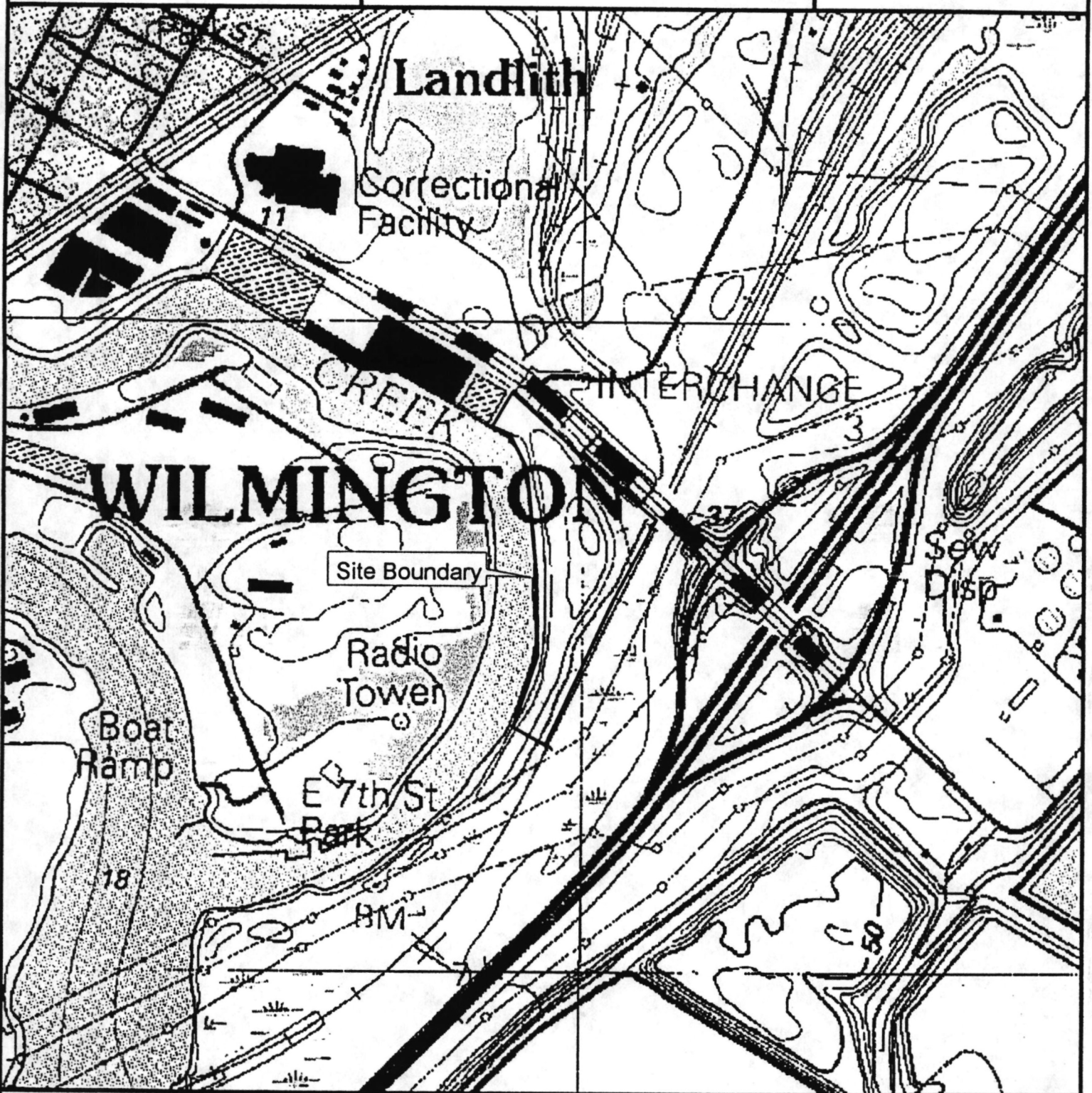
Sincerely,



Michael Towle,  
On-Scene Coordinator

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cc: G. Jordan



Site Location

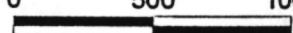


Figure 1  
Site Location Map

Source: USGS 7.5 Minute Topographic Quadrangles  
Wilmington South, DE- NJ, 1993



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Amtrak  
No.: 26-037.00-007

N.O.F.  
State of Delaware  
D/R T-85-386  
Description No. 5  
Area = 0.72 Ac.

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Conrail  
(Norfolk & Southern)  
Tax Parcel No.: 26-037.00-005

